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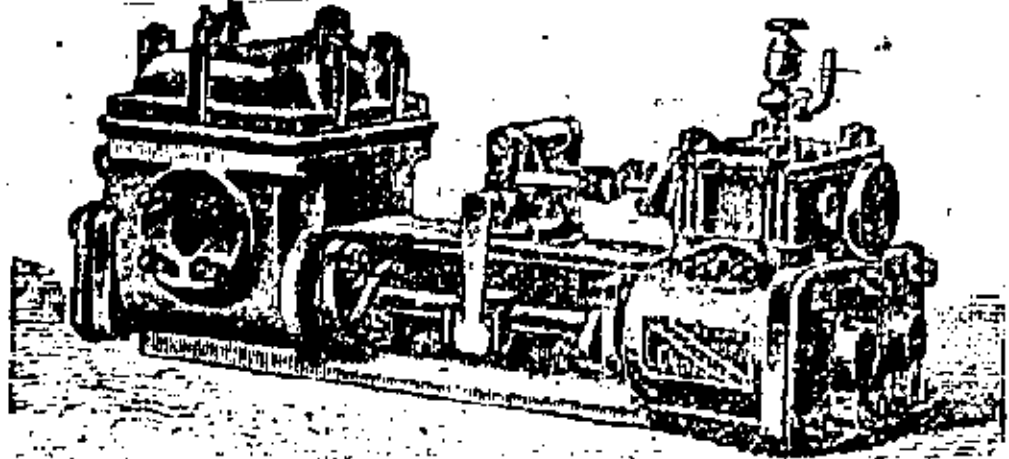
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A PRIVATE MEETING of the
SHAREHOLDERS will be held on
THURSDAY, the 2nd day of July, at 11.30 a.m., to
consider and vote on the following RESOLUTIONS:
1. That the Company be wound up.
2. That the Company be liquidated.
3. That the Company be dissolved.
4. That the Company be reconstituted.
5. That the Company be reformed.
6. That the Company be reorganised.
7. That the Company be restructured.
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LUTGERS, HINSMANN & Co.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, June 26, 1900.

THE WANCHAI WAREHOUSE AND

STORAGE COMPANY, LTD.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND at the Rate
of FOUR PER CENT (ONE
DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS per
SHARE) for the Six Months ending 30th
June, 1900, will be Paid on Application
to the Registered SHAREHOLDERS in the
above Company, on SATURDAY, the 7th
July, 1900.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the 1st to the
7th July, both days inclusive.

MEYER & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, June 26, 1900.

SANITARY BOARD

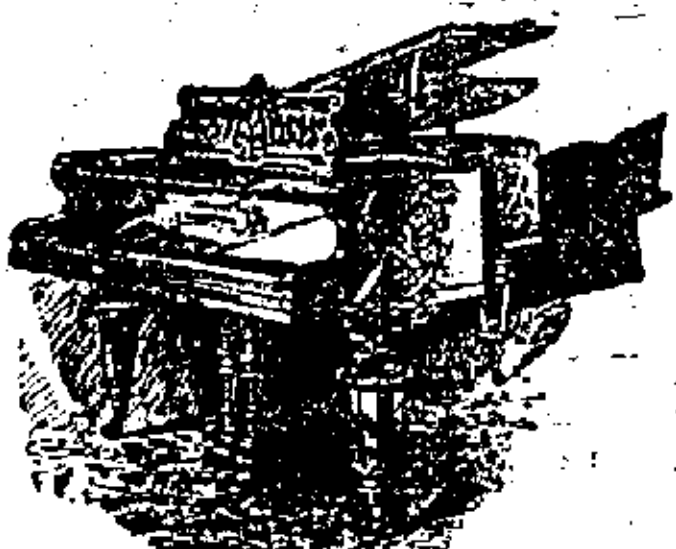
OWNERS of HOUSES Situated in the
Western Division of the City of Victoria,
who have not had their Premises
"Landed" and "Cleared" in accordance
with Law, are reminded that the period
during which the work should be finished
ends on the 30th day of June, 1900, and
the Sanitary Board being convinced of the
necessity of the Sanitary Board in its efforts to
Stamp out Plague, is determined to rigor-
ously prosecute any owner in default after
the above-named date.

By Order of the Board,
G. A. WOODCOCK,
Acting Secretary.

SANITARY BOARD Office,
1st May, 1900.

NOTE.—The Western Division of the
City lies to the West of Morrison
and East Streets.

Robinson Piano Co., Ltd.



GRANDS OF HIGHEST CLASS,
BECHSTEIN, FLEYEL,
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HIRE AND TIME PAYMENT ACCEPTED.
MAGNIFICENT LOT NEW HAAKE PIANOS,
16 JUST ARRIVED.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-

MENT AND AGENCY COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a
MEETING of the Board of Directors
of the above Company, held at the
Registered Office of the Company, Queen's
Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on
Tuesday, the Twenty-Seventh day of March,
1900, the following resolutions were
passed:

1. That in pursuance of the provisions
of the Special Resolution passed at
an Extraordinary General Meeting
of the Company held on the 7th
and 8th March, 1900, and confirmed on the 27th March
instant, and since duly registered,
the sum of \$1,250,000 be withdrawn
from the Reserve Fund and be
carried as of the 2nd July next,
to the Credit of Capital Account,
each share being credited with a
sum of \$25 as paid up thereon in
addition to the sum of \$5 now
standing to the credit of each share.
2. That the balance of \$25 per share
of the Capital of the Company, the
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking
Corporation, at their premises,
Queen's Road Central, on or before
the 2nd day of July A. D. 1900.

Shareholders are hereby requested to pay
accordingly.

And Notice is also given that, in accord-
ance with Article 34 of the Company's
Articles of Association, interest will be
charged as from the 2nd day of July
1900, at the rate of \$12 per centum per
annum, upon all Calls remaining unpaid
after the 9th day of July 1900, up to the
actual dates of payment of the same.

By Order of the Board,

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 27, 1900.

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MANILA CIGARS.

ONLY the best Leaves, selected by our
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which during my absence will be in charge
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my constituents in the Far East is kept
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Length of keel, 90 ft.
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Breadth, 17 ft.
Depth of hold, about 7 ft.
Engines, 11 x 22 inches.
Steam, 10 to 11 miles per hour.

S. L. 'HOI WING'
Length of keel, 72 ft.
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Depth of hold, 6 ft.
Engines, 9 x 18 inches.
Steam, about 11 to 12 miles an hour.

S. L. 'HOI LEE'
Length of keel, 70 ft.
Breadth, 12 ft.
Depth of hold, 6 ft.
Engines, 11 x 22 inches.
Steam, 11 to 12 miles an hour.

Further Particulars, from
The Overseas Steamship Building Co.,
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These are the finest productions of Scotland,
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Hongkong, January 9, 1899.

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English Silver & Electro-Plated Ware
Chronometers & Curio Electro-Plated Ware.
GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY
in great variety.

DIAMONDS
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DIAMOND JEWELLERY.

Splendid Collection of the Latest London
Fashions, at very moderate prices.

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SANTHARIS, LEMONADE, BELFAST GINGER-ALE,
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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,
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A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL, PROVIDED WITH EVERY COMFORT.
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Fine Old Glenlivet. 'The Old Blend'.
Very Old Highland Blend. 'Robert Macdonald'.
'Marshall of the Glen'. 'Way Poong Blend'.
EXTRA SPECIAL FINEST LIQUEUR.
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Farrington great age, (very fine).
Having a Branch house in Glasgow we are enabled to secure well
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Prickly Heat Lotion.

The only Effectual Remedy for Allaying
Irritation.

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Noon.—German Mail steamer *Oldenburg* leaves for Bremen and Ports of Call.
Miscellaneous.
Goods per *Valencia* not cleared at 4 p.m. subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, June 30.—
Goods per *Kinloch* not cleared before noon subject to rent.

MONDAY, July 2.—
3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land situated at Shekwan.

3.15 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land situated at Peak Road.

TUESDAY, July 3.—
Goods per *Banar* not cleared at 4 p.m. subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, July 4.—
11.30 a.m.—Auction of Valuable Leasehold Property, known as Nos. 8 and 12, Upper Lascar Row, by Messrs. Hughes and Hough.

THURSDAY, July 5.—
11.30 a.m.—Auction of Valuable Furniture, at the Messrs. Richmond, by Messrs. Hughes and Hough.

FRIDAY, July 6.—
Goods per *Shanghai* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

SATURDAY, July 7.—
12.15 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., at the Company's Offices, No. 4, Queen's Building.

Interim Dividend of 4% or \$1.00 per Share, of the Wanchai Warehouse and Storage Co., Ltd., payable.

There are many headache remedies but only one best.

Severe Headache Cures.
Can always be relied upon.—To give instant relief. Wholesale and Retail from A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hongkong.

UNNECESSARY LOSS OF TIME.
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Hongkong, June 27, 1900.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 1900.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. Aldrich, U.S. Vice Consul-General, sends in the following typhoon warning:—

Manila Observatory 27th, 10 o'clock a.m.

Depression far out in the Pacific; probably E. N. E. of Manila.

By arrangement with our contemporaries we publish the "special extra" published by the *Daily Press* and the *Hongkong Telegraph*, relating to the relief of Tientsin, from which it will be seen that there is great variety in the stories. The telegraph line between Chefoo and Shanghai is not working in a very satisfactory way.

Re-hearing Refused.

Mr. Gedge, solicitor, appeared at the Magistrate's today, on behalf of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire and asked for a rehearing of the case against a tallyman employed by that firm who was convicted of bringing letters into the Colony, in breach of the Post Office Ordinance and was fined \$100. Mr. Hazeland refused to grant a rehearing of the case on the ground that, in addition to the letter of the firm, the printer had in his possession at the time of his arrest four private letters.

A. P. and O. turret ship.

The P. and O. turret deck steamer *Bonac* arrived today on her first voyage to the East. The steamer was built by Messrs. William Duxford and Sons, Sunderland, the prototype of this type of vessel, her length is 44 ft., beam, 14 ft. 6 in., and depth, moulded, 12 ft. 6 in. On 21st, 6 in. draft, she carried 8,885 tons dead weight. She is classed with the British Corporation, and has a complete outfit of cargo gear, including side ports for derricks and very powerful winches. She is fitted with triple-expansion engines, driving a single screw. The steamer is commanded by Captain Baber.

What constitutes a Family.

At the Magistrate's, today, Ho Tung was charged by Sanitary Inspector Brett with failing to give notice of his intention to line-wash a house at 3 Wyndham Street. Ho Tung asked the Magistrate to give a decision as to whether it was necessary for him to line-wash, when a whole house was occupied by one family and its domestic servants. Mr. Hazeland took evidence in the course of which it came out that the house was occupied by folk or workmen employed by the family. Mr. Hazeland submitted that the premises of the Sanitary Board ought to be line-washed to a good many folk's regret there. Mr. Hazeland said the section of the Ordinance was not very clear, nor was it well drawn up. He then read the wording of a bye-law made under Sub-Section 4 of Section 13 of Ordinance 24 of 1897, which was to the effect that any house or part of a house occupied by the members of more than one family shall, unless specially exempted by the Sanitary Board, be cleaned and line-washed. The question was, he continued, what construction were they to place on the word "family"? The word family was derived from the Latin *familia*. He had no doubt that this old word included the folk who would be slaves of the household and reckoned part of the family. But in this case he (Mr. Hazeland) was to put a more modern construction on the word family, that it only included domestics and not folk or workmen. This section, he must say, was very loosely worded. He convicted Ho Tung and fined him \$5. If he wished to instruct a case for the Supreme Court he could state case to his solicitor, and he (Mr. Hazeland) would not let it, but in the meantime he held that folk did not constitute part of the family.

Sale of Arms at Police Station.

There was a busy scene within the square at the Central Police Station, today. Periodically the police find it necessary to dispose of the great accumulations of articles which have been seized or forfeited, and this is easily managed by holding an auction sale. These sales are usually well attended and Chinese are not slow to buy up the merest rubbish. During the past six months the police have made several important seizures of arms and ammunition in the Colony, and these were laid out in convenient lots for sale. An idea seemed to be abroad that the authorities have done wrong in holding the sale at this time as the arms disposed of might find their way out of the Colony. It was also believed that any person could buy the arms. It may be here stated that none but licensed dealers were allowed to purchase, and these individuals have to account to the authorities for every weapon disposed of. The sale today had an unexpected interest attached to it in view of an expected rising of "Boxers" in the neighbourhood. Mr. Hough was auctioneer. A ready sale was experienced, for firearms of which there were several hundred. There were one or two Winchester rifles and a great many Mausers, and these weapons were in good demand. A good many old-fashioned breech-loading blunderbusses were also sold, but in the opinion of one way is not an arrow, they would be safer in the hands of an enemy than in our hands. Pistols and revolvers were a big lot, too, and averaged about \$2 each. Many revolvers were quite new. They were of Belgian make, bright nickel, and carried .32 calibre. They were picked up and Chinese weapons of various descriptions were in demand and went very cheaply. A lot of 48 payonets with bayonets were thrown in to get 20 pence. Good ammunition of a shattering quality was also sold. The sale was a success, and the proceeds for one lot which amounted to about \$100 were given to the

TELEGRAMS.

'CHINA MAILS' SPECIAL SERVICE.

THE CRISIS IN CHINA.

SERIOUS NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL.

MINISTERS IN DIRE STRAITS.

ADMIRAL SEYMOUR RETURNING FROM PEKING.

TIENTSIN RELIEVED BY JAPANESE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, June 26, 4.30 p.m.

The settlements at Tientsin have been relieved by a Japanese Force.

After the repulse of the Russian and German forces, a strong brigade in command of General Fukushima forced their way to Tientsin, which was reached on Saturday night.

After succouring the defenders of the settlements, General Fukushima proceeded on the road to Peking to the assistance of the column under Admiral Sir E. H. Seymour, who are reported to be returning from Peking without having secured the safety of the Ministers.

The Foreign Ministers at Peking are believed to have been carried off by Chinese troops.

[The commander of the Japanese Force, which is evidently a mixed brigade of blue-jackets and soldiers, appears to be General Y. Fukushima, Director of the Second Division, General Staff Department. The column under command of Admiral Sir E. H. Seymour numbers 2,044 men composed as follows:—915 British, 350 German, 300 Russian, 158 French, and the remainder American, Japanese, Italian, and Austrian.—Ed. C.M.]

AS VIEWED IN ENGLAND.

GREAT BRITAIN PREPARING FOR EXTENSIVE OPERATIONS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, June 26, 2.5 a.m.

The seriousness of the situation is recognised in England.

The Government recognise that the problem is one of extreme gravity, and the military authorities have received orders to prepare for an extensive autumn and winter campaign in China.

[There is considerable delay in the transmission of telegrams over the wires. In the usual course of events the above telegrams should have reached Hongkong in ample time for our issue yesterday afternoon, but owing to the very heavy pressure of business the telegrams did not reach Hongkong till late in the evening. These telegrams were issued late last night in a "special extra."—Ed. C.M.]

RUSSIA CLAIMS THE HONOUR.

Serious Casualties.

Congratulating a telegram last night from the Acting Russian Consul-General at Shanghai, Mr. Laptev, dated 6.07 p.m., to the following effect:—

"Tientsin relieved by our troops (i.e. Russian troops); 4 killed; 20 wounded."

Congratulating also sent a message to his colleague in Chefoo asking, if possible, to wire him some further news.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, 26th June.

THE CHINA CRISIS.

An order from the Tsar raises the troops in the future to a war footing and calls out the reserves of the Siberian and Amur districts.

The United States are preparing to meet every contingency in China.

The Indian force for China has been increased as follows:—Two Brigades, each of four battalions with divisional troops. One Cavalry regiment, one of Bhowas, and five companies Sappers and Miners, one field battery, and two battalions for line of communication.

ADMIRAL SEYMOUR

AT TIENTSIN.

RETURN OF THE PEKING RELIEF FORCE.

The anxiety that has been prevalent in the Colony over the safety of Admiral Sir E. H. Seymour will be alleviated by the intelligence conveyed in a brief telegram received by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government today that Admiral Seymour has reached Tientsin.

The telegram does not give any information as to the condition of affairs at Peking, and we are still in suspense as to the fate of the Ministers and other foreigners at the capital.

The *Daily Press* issued the following "special extra":—

THE RELIEF OF TIENTSIN.

Effectuated by a Combined Force.

The Casualties.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, June 26, 9 p.m.

A combined force of two thousand men relieved Tientsin on Saturday, 23rd inst., after silencing the guns of the arsenal and breaking through the Chinese lines.

The Russians lost four killed and thirty wounded. The other nations suffered a slight loss.

ADMIRAL SEYMOUR SURROUNDED.

Admiral Seymour's force is reported to be surrounded by Boxers and Chinese. The Russian troops ten miles from Tientsin, and he is hampered by his sick and wounded.

ASSISTANCE SENT.

Assistance was sent to him on Sunday, 24th inst.

RUMOURS CONCERNING PEKING.

It is rumoured concerning Peking that the foreigners there were sent out with a Chinese guard, perhaps with Admiral Seymour.

MORE JAPANESE.

Three thousand Japanese are now landing at Tientsin.

EMPEROR DOWAGER DESIRES PROTECTION.

The Empress Dowager has ordered the Viceroy at Wuchow to defend Nanking (Nanking) against the rebels and to send troops to Peking.

Viceroy Chang Chitung is sending 3,000 untrained soldiers to Peking to help the foreign-drafted troops at Wuchang.

The following was issued as a "special extra" today by the *Hongkong Telegraph*:—

TIENTSIN RELIEVED.

CASUALTIES AND DAMAGE EXAGGERATED.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE ADMIRAL ESTABLISHED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, June 26th, 4.30 p.m.

The Relief Column has reached Tientsin and reports that the damage and casualties there have been exaggerated.

Communication has been established with the Peking Relief Force under Admiral Sir E. H. Seymour, which is found to be only nine miles distant from Tientsin.

He reports that his command is very hard pressed by the Chinese and that he has been greatly hampered by sick and wounded. A few of the force have been killed.

THE POSITION AT WUCHOW.

Waiting for Gunboat.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

WUCHOW, June 26.

Up till six o'clock this morning all quiet here. *Str. Langkang* still standing by, waiting for gunboat to arrive.

AT THE NAVAL YARD.

There has been little cessation of the activity at the Naval Yard since the departure of the *Undaunted*, and H.M.S. *Pique*, *Pique* and *Hart* having been equipped with stores and provisions sailed this afternoon for Wuchow. No official news has yet been received by Commodore Powell as to the names of those killed and wounded at Taku.

THE INDIAN CONTINGENT.

Departure of Troopships.

A cablegram has been received by the Military Authorities here giving details of the regiments proceeding to China from India. The telegram is to the following effect:—Regiments intended permanent increase garrison Hongkong are 23rd Bombay and 24th Madras Infantry, each consisting of 12 British Officers, 1 medical officer, 10 native officers, 12 rank and file. Left wing of 7th Bengal Infantry sailed June 26th; remainder will follow June 29th. The 24th Punjab Infantry sails on July 2nd. Two regiments will be available then for local defence pending arrival of special regiments allotted for duty. General Sir Alfred Gaselee, Commanding Officer, sails on July 2nd. Two regiments detailed for Hongkong will be bringing cooking vessels and campers (bells).

It is expected that the regiments will reach Hongkong on or about the 14th prox.

It is not likely that the regiments which are not for permanent service in Hongkong will stay any time in the Colony as they are expected to proceed north with all possible haste so that the expected show of Bengal Lancers, Gurkhas, Sikhs, etc., is not likely to come off in the meantime. It is likely that the troopships will stop a short time in the Harbour to coal and provision.

SECURITY UNDER THE BRITISH FLAG.

Chinese Converts Arriving in Hongkong.

The native Christians in the provinces are somewhat alarmed at the reports of massacres in the North, and a good number of converts, mostly women and children, from Canton, Fatsien and the neighbouring districts, have sought a haven of refuge under the British flag. The Government have given the use of the old Customs Station at Sunshapoo for the accommodation of the converts of the Church of England, Mission, and the old deposed Yamen in Kowloon City have been placed at the disposal of the London Missionary Society.

NEWS FROM HAINAN.

Honow, June 26.

ALL QUIET IN THE ISLAND.

While such trials and violence are afflicting the foreigners resident in North China, it is pleasant to be able to report that everything is at present more quiet than usual in the Island of Hainan. A force of Chinese soldiers has been sent to the region near Nodua, and it is thought that the thieving described by your correspondent in a recent issue, will now be speedily suppressed.

For the time being the pirates who have been operating on the east coast of the island have become quiet. It was only six weeks ago, however, that they landed and captured a schoolmaster, who was a graduate, and seventeen of his pupils and carried them on board of their vessels and are still holding them for ransom.

FRENCH MOVEMENTS.

Within the last week the French Consul, postmaster, doctor, and schoolmaster, have all left the island. We surmise that it was due to the character of the news which has been received from the north, but what effect their leaving may have on the future peace of the island cannot at present be determined.

We learn that two days ago the *Hanoi* passed through the straits bound for Tientsin with about 500 French officers and men on board. It seems about time for them to leave a warship here again to look after French interests and incidentally to care for foreigners generally.

(N.C. Daily News.)

SERIOUS POSITION AT TIENTSIN.

A correspondent writes:—

Tientsin, June 19th.

There was an attack on Tientsin last night, and the Roman Catholic Cathedral, the place which was the headquarters of the Boxers, was burned. In the raid they made on the Railway Station the Boxers came up to within 30 yards of the Cosacks. The Russian troops fired 15 rounds into the mob, with good effect. The Boxers, on all sides, were driven back and are kept at bay by Maxim and other guns. The Russian cavalry have made plenty of show, and have saved the situation. All the wires are cut, and the mail service is disrupted. I am hoping to get this through somehow.

Secret orders have been sent by the Empress Dowager to the Viceroy of Chihli and to General Nieh to oppose all foreign troops. Fresh attacks are expected, probably by Chinese troops as well as Boxers. The line is all up between this and our relieving column, and the general position is very serious. At least 20,000 troops of some sort are required. Had it not been for the 2,000 Russians here the Settlement would have been in danger. The number of Boxers in the neighbourhood is about 400, though it is killed is reported to be 100. I will do my best to get news through.

Naval Movements.

From a private letter from Weihaiwei we learn that H.M.S. *Peacock* was busy dismantling and was being painted black preparatory to going to the scene of action further North. H.M.S. *Endymion* had just arrived to take in ammunition and would shortly leave for Taku. About 400 Chinese drafted troops were encamped four miles off the Settlement in anticipation of trouble from the local Chinese.

15,000 Troops near Soochow.

From Soochow news comes that in expectation of disturbances the military were very active there. Some 15,000 troops in the neighbourhood were being busy getting ready arms and provisions against emergencies.

Up the Yangtze.

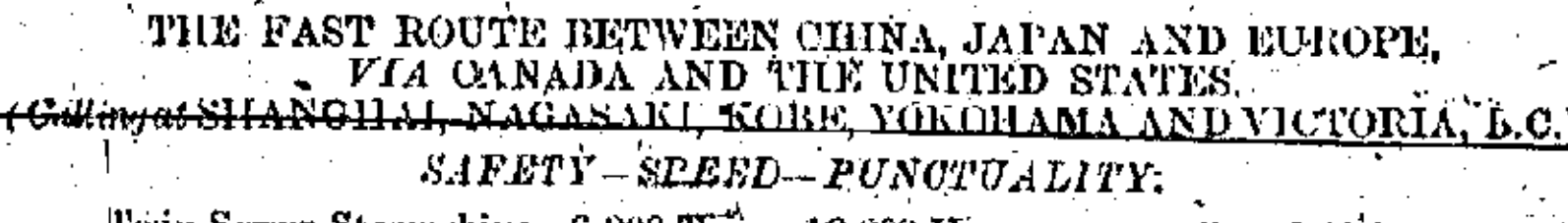
A correspondent writes from Kuling under date the 19th inst.:—

"I am sorry to say the bulk of the residents here are living in a state of great alarm, and already a great number of them have left Hongkong on Shanghai and other boats. It is not that there is any sign of trouble breaking out to speak of that frightens them, but the fact that if trouble did break out we are quite defenceless, and it would be exceedingly difficult to escape. I said pity that our authorities cannot see the folly of having these great settlements on the Yangtze entirely to native protection at a time like this. The result of the policy will find their way to the residents of this river will find their way to Shanghai to add to your difficulties there while a few boats and guards sent up would make everything safe. We do hope they will not wait till the settlements are destroyed before taking this step."

Arrival of H.M.S. *Daphne*.

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